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STRATEGIC UPDATES FOR DEPUTY SOLICITOR GENERAL

The information in this report is current to 2022-02-03 at 1900 hours.

Opposition to Public Health Measures

- Multiple police services advised they had received information to suggest some anti-mandate groups are attempting to organize maskless shopping actions. Locations identified to date include, North Bay, Haliburton, and York Region. Further, City halls and public health units remain vulnerable to protest activity.

ASSESSMENT

Currently, there is no specific, identified threat and monitoring remains attuned to where ideologically motivated extremism may manifest among participants in or supporters of opposition activities.

Freedom Convoy 2022

Police Reporting

- Current crowds in Ottawa are being reported as small and there are minimal people on Parliament Hill or surrounding streets. Events during the day appeared loosely organized and improvisational. Downtown Ottawa remains accessible only by foot.
- Police are actively engaged in an investigation of a threat made toward the Chief of Ottawa Police Service.
- Police reporting indicates that protestors at the Ottawa blockade have been harassing and intimidating employees at the Supreme Court on a daily basis.
- Police reporting indicates counter-demonstrations in Ottawa have taken place in a manner that is sporadic and unorganized.
- Police information reports the QAnon-endorsed conspiracy theorist and self-proclaimed Queen of Canada arrived in the Parliament Hill area during the early afternoon where she was greeted by a crowd of approximately 100 individuals. She addressed her followers and indicated she intended to burn a "Corporation flag", observations indicated this was a Canadian flag and no adverse incidents were reported. The conspiracy theorist left the Parliament Hill area shortly thereafter. Information shared as part of her original itinerary suggested she would depart for Quebec on 2022-02-06.

Open Source Reporting

- Media reporting indicates that truck drivers participating in the border blockade in Coutts, Alberta, have freed one lane of traffic after negotiations with rural Members of the Legislative Assembly (MLA) before they held a meeting about lifting the vaccine restrictions exemption program. An MLA spokesperson later denied that they had negotiated with the protestors.
- The GoFundMe account supporting the Freedom Convoy amounts to \$10.1 million (2022-02-03 0730 hours). GoFundMe has paused the Freedom Convoy fundraising while it undertakes a review to confirm that the initiative complies with the company's terms of service. A message on the Freedom Convoy 2022 Facebook page notes that the GoFundMe has been paused and asks for donations via e-transfer

Upcoming Toronto Convoy

Open Source Reporting

- A video posted to social media features a main organizer of the Freedom Convoy 2022, who reports they have returned to Toronto to participate in the protest scheduled for Queens Park on 2022-02-05. They ask for anyone also organizing this event to contact them, stating the Toronto demonstration will be different than Ottawa as there will be fewer trucks. They also solicited for provisions of food and clothing (NOTE: This appeared to suggest donations were going to be taken back to Ottawa).
- Unconfirmed information suggests supporters may mobilize from Barrie to attend Toronto; approximately 100 individuals have indicated interest.
- Unconfirmed information suggests supporters may mobilize from the Muskoka area and travel with the group departing from York Region at Vaughan Mills Mall.

Other Potential Activity

- Local convoy actions are anticipated in jurisdictions across the province, please see event schedule for identified actions to date.
- Social media reporting notes a page for members of the commercial fishing industry issuing a call for workers in the maritime sector to protest in ports all over Canada and in shipping lanes to support the truck driver protest. A post on the page calls for an initial event on 2022-02-05. No specific ports are named.

ASSESSMENT

At this juncture, there is no concrete, specific, or credible threat with regard to the Freedom Convoy and Operation BearHug 2.0 protest activity. However, the possibility that a lone actor or group of individuals could enact a physical threat with little or no warning cannot be excluded.

The ongoing truck blockades in Ottawa and Coutts, Alberta, have the potential to develop into a national civil disobedience movement that could extend to maritime transportation and, potentially, other major transportation sectors. It is likely that new convoys, blockades and protests in support of the Ottawa blockade will occur in Ontario for the foreseeable future and will strain law enforcement resources. It is all but certain that these events will disrupt the movement of goods and people. Some events are likely to be well organized; others may develop organically or spontaneously with little warning. Blockades are likely at strategic locations, such as border points, ports, transportation hubs, and in major urban centres. These events may also draw counter-protests, which may present public safety threats.

The blockades in Alberta are significant from where the strategies taken by authorities toward a resolution may inform protest behaviour in Ontario. Additionally, the manner in which protestors respond to attempts by the Alberta government to resolve the problem could provide indicators of potential responses by protestors in Ontario, particularly in Ottawa. Should the situation in Coutts deteriorate, solidarity actions may lead to confrontation between authorities and protestors in Ontario; while any indication, real or perceived, that the Alberta government might accede to the protestors' demands could encourage ongoing protests in Ontario.

EVENT SCHEDULE – Support Convoys / Demonstrations

DATE UNKNOWN: Elliott Lake – Freedom Canada Support Convoy 2022, message posted 2022-01-30 scheduled to depart 0900 hours and arrive in Ottawa 1830 hours. Follow-up with OPP Elliott Lake Detachment was unable to confirm if this event has happened or not.

2022-02-04

- **Toronto:** Convoy Protest – Tractor Meet, Queens Park (1300 hours)
- **Ottawa:** Support Convoy to Ottawa (0900) – departure location unclear, possibly Toronto
- **Sudbury: Freedom Convoy** – departing from Bell Park Parking lot at 17:00 hours; donations to be brought by 16:00 hours. Travel the TransCanada Highway to Ottawa.
- **Unnamed Maritime Ports – Mariners for Freedom 2022 Slow Roll** (1200-1300 hours)

2022-02-05

- **Ottawa: Freedom Dance Party** – Parliament Hill (1200 -1500 hours)(Destination Queens Park)
- **Ottawa (Parliament Hill): Second Wave 2022** - Human Chain Around Parliament Hill (1400 hours)
- **Kingston/Ottawa: Back to Ottawa Convoy** – HWY 38 Carpool (HWY 401 and Gardiners Rd.) (0830 hours); stopping at Mallorytown (0915 hours)
- **London:** Freedom Convoy Support – meet at McDonald's parking lot across Costco on Wellington at 14:00hours; drive through London event.

QUEEN'S PARK PROTEST

- **Toronto: Convoy Protest (Ending at Queens Park)** – meeting points at 1000 hours as follows:
 - Orangeville – 95 First Street;
 - Vaughan Mills;
 - Scarborough Town Centre;
 - Yorkdale Mall;
 - Sherway Gardens;
 - Square One;
 - Oakville – Tim Hortons, Hyde Park Gate, HWY 403 and Dundas;
 - Niagara Falls – 300 Taylor Rd.(meeting early at 0900 hours)
- **Oshawa: Oshawa to Toronto Freedom Convoy 2022 – 555 Simcoe Street** (1100 hours) destination Toronto
- **Windsor: Freedom Convoy Peaceful Slowdown on Huron Line**– Mic Mac Park (1000 hours)

- **Norfolk County: Tractor Convoy (four routes) – Destination Simcoe**
 - Route A:
 - **Dunnville** (1000 hours) through Selkirk, Fisherville, Nelles Corners to Cayuga (1130 hours)
 - Route B:
 - **Cayuga** (1200 hours) through Jarvis to Simcoe (1300 hours)
 - Route C:
 - **Langton** (1000 hours) to Port Rowan ending in Simcoe (1200 hours)
 - Route D:
 - **Tillsonburg** (1000 hours) through Delhi and Waterford to Simcoe (1200 hours)
- **Goderich-Huron County: Slow Roll Supporting Our Ottawa Convoy – MacEwan St. (1200 hours)**
- **Alexandria: Farmer Convoy to Ottawa 2.0 – Depart Alexandria (0600 hours), to Monkland, Lemieux, Bourget, Cheney to Ottawa (Parliament Hill)**

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